Chairman of Indian Olympic Association

3581 SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Chairman of the Indian Olympic Association has been elected at a meeting in Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, what is the name of the elected person?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) According to information made available to Government, Shri B. S. Adityan has been elected as officiating President of the Indian Olympic Association at its Special General Meeting held in Trivandrum on 27.10.1987.

Persons benefited by Adult Education scheme

3582. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons benefited by the Adult Education scheme in the country from January 1985 till September, 1987; and

(b) what is the target fixed in this regard during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The number of persons enrolled in the Adult Education Programme from 1 1 1985 to 30 9 1987 were 2,84,20,248.

(b) A target of 89.23 lakhs persons have been fixed for 1987-88.

रेलवे सुरक्षा आयोग की रिपोर्ट

3583. श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे सुरक्षा आयोग (1986-87) ने अपनी 1986-87 की रिपोर्ट दे दी है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त रिपोर्ट के अनुसार अधिकांश रेलवे दुर्घटनाओं का कारण रेलवे कर्मचारियों द्वारा गलती करना है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने प्रशासन को चुस्त बनाने के लिये क्या क्या प्रभावी पग उठाये हैं, ताकि रेल दुर्घटनायें न हों?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) जी हां।

(ग) रेलों के संचालन मे मानवीय-तत्व में सुधार करके संरक्षा बढ़ाने की दृष्टि से निम्नलिखित महत्वपूर्ण उपाय किये गये हैं :—

(i) पर्यवेक्षकों और अधिकारियों द्वारा रेल निरीक्षणों को गहन करना।

(ii) दुर्घटना प्रवण क्षेत्रों का निरीक्षण करने तथा शोधक उपाय सुझाने के लिये बहु-उद्देशीय दलों का गठन।

(iii) कर्मचारियों को परामर्श देना विशेषकर ड्राइवरों, सहायक स्टेशन मास्टरों आदि को।

(iv) प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों को पुन. नया रूप देना तथा प्रश्न-चर्या पाठ्यक्रमों पर बल देना।

(v) घोर लापरवाही के कारण होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं के लिये जिम्मेदार पाये जाने वाले कर्मचारियों को निवारक दण्ड देना।

(vi) कर्मचारियों के लिये शैक्षणिक अभियान चलाना तथा सड़क उपयोगकर्ता के लिये प्रचार करना।

(vii) मानवीय चूकों की जवाबदेही जांच के रूप में परिकल्पित प्रौद्योगिकी अपनाना।

Sale/purchase of women

3584. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the alleged sale/purchase of women in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 as amended in 1978 and 1986 is applicable to all the States and Union Territories. The Act prohibits among other things (i) living on the earnings of prostitution (ii) procuring, inducing or taking women or girls for the sake of prostitution and (iii) detaining of women or girl on premises where prostitution is carried on.

The Act also provides for the setting up of "Protective Homes" in which women and girls, who are in need of care and protection may be kept and where appropriate technically qualified persons, equipment and other facilities are provided. By the amendments made to this Act in 1978 and 1986, the penal provisions contained therein have been made more stringent and effective. It is for the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to implement this Act meaningfully and effectively.

Telephone directory of Assam

3585. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) the reasons for inordinate delay in making the telephone directories in Assam up-to-date;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that in many district towns in Assam telephone directories were printed way back in 1977 and have not been replaced in spite of the customers' demand, and

(c) by when up-to-date directories will be provided in the districts and sub-divisional towns in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Issue of railway passes

3586. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether railways have given free passes to some special categories of persons on Western Railway like freedom fighters, Poets, Social workers, Artists during 1st Januay, 1987 to 31st October, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;